

REMARKS

The Applicants have carefully considered the Official Action mailed July 11, 2003, and in view of the arguments presented by the Examiner, the claims have been substantially amended. As now presented, claims C-16 and 18-23 have all been canceled and Claim 17 has been substantially amended. Furthermore, new Claims 24-40 have been added.

As the Examiner will note, all of the claims now presented in this application are directed to one specific embodiment of the present invention, namely a foam shaving-mousse. In the claims presented, the subject matter of the present invention is defined as a composition, a method of manufacture, and method of use. It is the Applicants' belief that the claims now presented to the Examiner clearly distinguish the prior art references and are all in condition for allowance.

In particular, amended Claim 17 specifically defines as a foam shaving-mousse composition constructed for use with electric shavers and/or razors which comprise a specific formulation detailed in the claim. As detailed in the specification, this formulation achieves a product which is easily spread on the skin surface enabling a user to employ either a razor or an electric shaver and obtain a substantially enhanced, smooth, close, comfortable shave. The Applicants' maintain that the composition defined in amended Claim 17 is not in any way taught or suggested by the cited references, and, as a result, Claim 17, as now presented, is in condition for allowance.

Claims 24-27 are all dependent upon Claim 17 and add novel combinations thereto. For this reason, as well as a reasons detailed above in reference to Claim 17, these dependent claims are also believe to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 28 is a new claim in independent form and defines an all natural foam shaving-mousse producing composition having the specific formulation detailed therein. In addition to the formulation, the shaving mousse composition is also defined as comprising a pH level ranging between about 9.2 and 10. It is the Applicants' belief that no prior art references in any way teaches or suggests a composition having the formulation defined in Claim 28 and, as a result, Claim 28 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 29-32 are all dependent upon Claim 28 and add novel combinations thereto. For this reason, as well as a reasons detailed above in reference to Claim 28, the Applicants maintain that these dependent claims are also in condition for allowance.

Claim 33 is a new independent claim defining a delivery system for producing a foam shaving mousse for use with electric shavers and/or razors. As defined in Claim 33, the combination of a housing, a finger actuated valve/cap, and a product formulation as defined in Claim 33 are believed to detail a unique combination of elements which is not in any way taught or suggested in the prior art references. As a result, the Applicants believe that Claim 33, as now presented, is in condition for allowance.

Claim 34 is dependent upon Claim 33 and adds a novel combination thereto. For this reason, as well as the reasons defined above in reference to Claim 33, the Applicants believe that Claim 34 is also in condition for allowance.

Claim 35 is a new independent claim defining a method for enabling the shaving of a skin surface with a substantially enhanced comfort level. In Claim 35, the method is defined as comprising the preparation of a composition having the formulation defined therein, along with placement of the composition in a storage container at atmospheric pressure levels and the affixation of a foam producing valve/cap to the container for dispensing the composition as a foam mousse. The Applicants maintain that the method defined in Claim 35 constitutes a unique method which is not in any way taught or suggested by any known prior art reference and, consequently, Claim 35 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 36 through 38 are dependent upon Claim 35 and add novel combinations thereto. For this reason, as well as the reasons detailed above in reference to Claim 35, the Applicants believe that these dependent claims are also in condition for allowance.

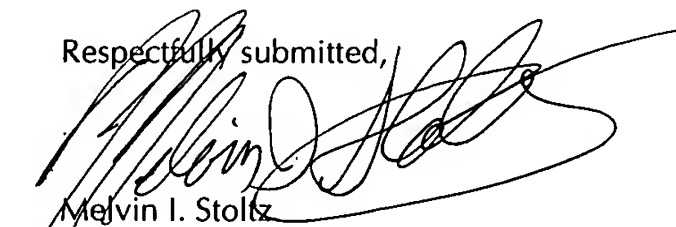
Claim 39 is a new independent claim defining a method for producing a smooth comfortable shave using a dry electric shaver. In the method defined in Claim 39, a foam shaving-mousse is dispensed from a container storing the product, the composition of which is specifically defined in Claim 39. In addition, the method also incorporates the step of applying the foam mousse to the skin surface, shaving the skin surface

using an electric shaver, and rinsing and/or towel drying the shaved skin surface. The Applicants believe that the method defined in Claim 39 represents unique, novel, and unobvious subject matter, which is not in any way taught or suggested in any prior art reference. As a result, Claim 39 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 40 is dependent upon Claim 39 and adds a novel combination thereto. For this reason, as well as a reasons detailed above in reference to Claim 39, the Applicants believe that Claim 40 is also in condition for allowance.

Based upon the foregoing amendment and the arguments presented herein, the Applicants believe that Claims 17 and 24-40 are all in condition for allowance and an early notice of allowability is earnestly solicited. If any questions should remain that could be answered during a telephone interview, Applicants' undersigned Attorney would gladly discuss such questions with the Examiner at the Examiner's convenience. For this purpose, Applicants' undersigned Attorney has provided his telephone number below.

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